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Bishop Joseph Walker, III Reappointed to Tennessee Human Rights Commission

(Nashville, TN – July 2010) Bishop Joseph W. Walker, III of the Nashville-based mega church, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, will be continuing his service as a commissioner with the Tennessee Human Rights Commission (THRC) for another term.

On July 12, 2010, Governor Bredesen announced Walker's reappointment to serve another six-year term on the Tennessee Human Rights Board of Commissioners representing the Middle Grand Division of the state.

In 1992, Bishop Walker began his pastorate at Mt. Zion with 175 members. Presently, the ministry has grown to over 22,000 members. Under Bishop Walker's leadership, Mt. Zion's ministry has expanded beyond its original location in the Historic Jefferson Street Corridor to eight weekly services in three locations.

As a philanthropist, Bishop Walker founded the non-profit organization J.W. Walker Ministries, which has awarded over \$500,000 in scholarships to deserving college students in honor of his late wife, Dr. Diane Greer Walker. Currently, Bishop Walker is the recipient of numerous awards, sits on noteworthy boards, including the Board of the American Red Cross.

Bishop Walker received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He went on to earn a Master of Divinity Degree from Vanderbilt University and a Doctor of Ministry Degree from Princeton Theological Seminary.

Bishop Walker is married to Dr. Stephanie Walker, an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics and Clinical Neonatologist at Vanderbilt University's Children's Hospital.

The Commission's role, by means of enforcement and education, is to safeguard the citizens of Tennessee from discrimination in the areas of employment, housing, and public accommodations in regard to race, creed, color, religion, sex, disability, age, national origin, and familial status.

For more information on the THRC, including its role, policies, or the laws that govern the agency, call 1-800-251-3589 or visit the agency's website at www.tn.gov/humanrights.

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